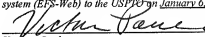


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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**AMENDMENT AND REPLY**

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of July 7, 2011, Applicant submits the following
Amendment and Remarks.

A petition for a three-month extension of time is submitted herewith along with the
appropriate fee to extend the due date from October 7, 2011 to January 7, 2012.

Also submitted herewith is a REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2
of this paper. Remarks, including arguments, begin on page 8 of this paper.